## Mission

The mission of the Piedmont University Department of Counseling is to provide outstanding graduate education, equipping students with the skills and knowledge to excel as skilled, proficient, ethically minded, and compassionate professional counselors. We are dedicated to training our students with the skills, knowledge, and awareness to work within a diverse society.

## **Program Objectives**

The Department of Counseling will:

- 1. Ensure adherence to CACREP standards and continuously update curriculum in these areas to reflect current best practices and emerging trends in clinical mental health counseling.
- 2. Equip students with advanced skills in therapeutic communication, counseling techniques, and evidence-based interventions applicable to diverse client populations.
- 3. Provide experiential learning opportunities through practicum and internship experiences that enhance practical counseling skills and career readiness for professional practice.
- 4. Foster ethical decision-making and professional conduct among students, preparing them to uphold ethical standards in clinical settings.
- 5. Promote self-awareness and reflective practice to enhance personal growth and professional development.
- 6. Assist students in preparing for and successfully passing national/state licensing and certification exams required for professional practice.